



City of Doral

November 3, 2011

Pete Cabrera
Councilman

Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Honorable Genachowski,

I wanted to send you this letter after learning that the Federal Communications Commission was on the verge of making changes to the Lifeline Telephone Assistance program. Lifeline continues to meet its objective, especially for minority communities and low-income individuals, of affordable telephone access by giving consumers a choice in landline and wireless providers.

I am concerned by the potential that your agency may penalize Lifeline subscribers by adding a new usage fee. Service providers like Safelink have been a valuable resource for Lifeline subscribers by offering them a prepaid option as well. In this difficult economic climate, we need to maximize all available resources that help Floridians reach potential employers.

As your agency continues to evaluate Lifeline, I strongly urge you to not implement any subscriber fees that would harm those in need. The current Lifeline fee structure has worked well to date, and should be kept as is in order to help the greatest number of Floridians.

I appreciate your support and assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

Pete Cabrera
Councilmember, City of Doral





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